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Art Unit 1654

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/535,624; Int'l. Filing Date: November 22, 2002
For: **Antimicrobial Peptide Isolated from Halocynthia Aurantium**
Inventors: LEE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2393.0010000/JUK/WBC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Restriction Requirement and Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 16, 2007, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-4. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed, and this election is made without traverse.

Applicants hereby elect the species of peptide with a SEQ ID NO:1. Claims 1-4 read on such species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed, and this election is made without traverse.

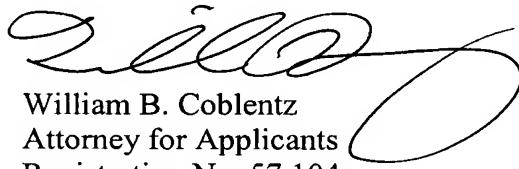
Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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